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SUBJECT: EXBS: SLOVAKIA ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE
- OCTOBER 2004

[1](#)1. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS.

None

[1](#)2. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD.

[1](#)A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

- 1) October 1 - EXBS Advisor attended the "Day of the Slovak Customs Administration" display at the Incheba Exhibition Center in Bratislava. The Slovak Directorate of Customs, along with numerous other federal and local agencies, displayed the tools they utilize to fulfill their responsibilities. Customs Canine Teams and Special Response Teams provided demonstrations for the public. Various Customs managers provided PowerPoint presentations on the current structure and workings of Slovak Customs, as well as statistics on enforcement actions and revenue collections. Their static displays included some of the equipment provided by the EXBS Program, including their Mobile X-Ray Van, Enforcement Kits, Exploranium Radioactive Isotope Identification Device and Radiation Detection Pagers.
- 2) October 12-16, 2004 - EXBS Advisor assisted Mr. Cassady Craft, Jonathan Davis and Christopher Leaman from the Center for International Trade and Security/University of Georgia (CITS/UGA) in their assessment of Slovakia's current Export Control program. Meetings were conducted with numerous officials from GOS agencies, including the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Authority and the Directorate of Customs. On October 14-16, 2004, EXBS Advisor, accompanied by a representative of the Slovak Customs Directorate, drove the CITS/UGA team to Vysne Nemecke and Cierna nad Tisou, on the Slovak/Ukraine border, for a tour of their facilities and a first hand look at Customs procedures for handling licensable exports.

[1](#)B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

- 1) October 25-29 - EXBS provided Strategic Tracker Training to twenty-eight Border and Alien Police (BAP) officers at the Vysne Nemecke Border Station. Three Native American Customs Patrol Officers from the Tohono-Oodham Indian Reservation, in southern Arizona, were the instructors for the course. The students were a diverse group of BAP officers, ranging in rank from Lt. Colonel down to Constable. They came from all parts of Slovakia for the training. Some had as much as seventeen years of BAP service while others had only a year of BAP service. BAP officers were taught how to follow tracks left by smugglers/illegal aliens and how to utilize hand held GPS systems. At the end of the course, all of the BAP officers praised the training and stated that they now felt confident that they could follow the trail of smugglers and illegal aliens.

[1](#)C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

- 1) Thirty Garmin 12 XL Portable GPS systems valued at \$5,700 were delivered to the Station Commander of the Border and Alien Police at Vysne Nemecke, Slovakia. These systems were used in the Strategic Tracker Training course and then left as a donation.

[1](#)D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE.

- 1) October 29 - EXBS Advisor was notified that the two new Skoda Fabia motor vehicles purchased as a donation to the Slovak Border and Alien Police have arrived at the dealership in Bratislava. The vehicles will be donated in November with the Ambassador handing the vehicles over to the Head, Border and Alien Police at an event hosted by our Public Affairs Section.

1E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY.

None.

13. RED FLAG ISSUES.

None.

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